

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
BUREAU OF HEALTH SYSTEM REGULATION
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

In re: Louis Grasso, D.V.M.

Petition No. 920925-47-029

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Louis Grasso, D.V.M., of White Plains, New York, has been issued license number 001871, to practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry by the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services pursuant to Chapter 384 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Louis Grasso, D.V.M., hereinafter referred to as the Respondent, hereby admits as follows:

1. That during 1991 and 1992 Respondent practiced veterinary medicine in the State of New York;
2. By virtue of his veterinary license, Respondent was able to obtain controlled substances licenses from State and Federal licensing authorities;
3. Respondent used said controlled substances licenses to legally purchase Schedule III controlled substances, to wit, anabolic steroids;
4. On or about December 11, 1991, Respondent illegally sold anabolic steroids for \$2,000.00 to an undercover DEA Special Agent;
5. On or about December 16, 1991, Respondent illegally sold anabolic steroids for \$5,000.00 to an undercover DEA Special Agent;
6. On or about January 3, 1992, Respondent illegally sold anabolic steroids for \$53,000.00 to an undercover DEA Special Agent;

7. On or about May 18, 1992, Respondent pled guilty in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York to three counts of distributing and possessing with intent to distribute controlled substances, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, §812, 841(a)(1) and 841 (b)(1)(D), based upon his sales of anabolic steroids described above;
8. The conduct described in paragraphs 1-7 above violates Connecticut General Statutes §20-202, and in particular:
 - a) §20-202(2); and/or
 - b) §20-202(6);
9. Respondent is not presently practicing veterinary medicine, surgery or dentistry in Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and §20-202 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Louis Grasso, D.V.M. hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. He waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter;
2. Respondent's license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry in Connecticut is hereby revoked.
3. Such revocation is hereby stayed, subject to the following conditions:
 - A. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of \$5,000.00 within six months from the effective date of this Consent Order.
 - B. Respondent's license shall be suspended for a period of two (2) years;
 - C. Following the expiration of the two (2) year suspension period:
 - (1) For an additional period of three (3) years commencing on

the date respondent begins practicing veterinary medicine in Connecticut, Respondent shall make his veterinary premises and records, including but not limited to all records of controlled substances purchases, available for inspection by the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services.

(2) Periods of veterinary practice by Respondent in any other jurisdiction either prior to or following the expiration of the two (2) year suspension of Respondent's license in Connecticut shall not be included in computing the additional three (3) year period of practice and records monitoring.

- D. Respondent shall notify the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services of the date that he intends to begin any practice of veterinary medicine in Connecticut at least thirty (30) days prior to commencing the same.
- E. Respondent shall at all times maintain with the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services his current resident and office addresses, and shall notify the Department in writing of any change in the same within thirty (30) days of any relocation.
- F. If Respondent begins practicing in Connecticut following the aforesaid two (2) year suspension, he shall comply with all laws, regulations and standards of conduct applicable to his profession. His future violation of the same shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order.
- G. Respondent shall forthwith surrender all Connecticut state licenses held by him to purchase, possess or dispense controlled substances, and shall not apply for or hold the same at any time during said two (2) year suspension.

4. In the event that Respondent fails or refuses to abide by the terms of this Consent Order, his license to practice veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry in the State of Connecticut shall be immediately revoked unless he requests a hearing in timely fashion as set forth below.
5. Respondent will be notified by the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services in writing that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated.
6. Said notification shall include the act(s) or omission(s) which violate the terms of this Consent Order.
7. Respondent must initiate said hearing through a written request by certified mail to the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services mailed within fifteen (15) days from the date of mailing of notification of violation of the terms of this Consent Order.
8. Respondent shall be entitled to a hearing prior to any disciplinary action before the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Veterinary Medicine based solely upon a violation of this Order if he requests the same in timely fashion.
9. Evidence presented to said Board by either the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services or Respondent at any such hearing shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of this Consent Order.
10. This Consent Order and the admissions contained herein shall be admissible as evidence in any future proceeding in which 1) Respondent's compliance with the terms hereof is at issue and 2) Respondent's compliance with the laws, regulations or standards of conduct applicable to his profession is at issue.
11. Following such hearing, the Board may revoke Respondent's license or take any other action authorized by law upon a finding that Respondent violated any term of this Consent Order, or any law, regulation or standard of conduct applicable to his profession.

12. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Department and the Board shall not be precluded from taking summary action against Respondent's license based upon evidence of conduct by Respondent subsequent to the execution of this Consent Order indicating that his practice constitutes a immediate danger to the health, safety or welfare of the public.
13. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 384 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive Respondent of any other rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
14. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
15. This Consent Order is effective on the date the seal of the last signatory is fixed to this document.
16. Respondent permits a representative of the Public Health Hearing Office of the Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Connecticut Department of Public Health and Addiction Services to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for said Consent Order to the Connecticut Board of Examiners of Veterinary Medicine. He understands that said Board has complete and final discretion as to whether or not an executed Consent Order is approved or granted. He further agrees that the pre-hearing review form signed by him is incorporated by reference into this Consent Order.
17. Respondent understands that this document is a matter of public record.
18. Respondent has consulted with an attorney prior to signing this document.

I, Louis Grasso, D.V.M., have read the above Consent Order, and I agree and admit to the terms and allegations set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Louis Grasso D.V.M.
Louis Grasso, D.V.M.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of JULY 1993.

BYRON LASSIN
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 41-7437536
Qualified in Queens County
Commission Expires Aug. 31, 1994

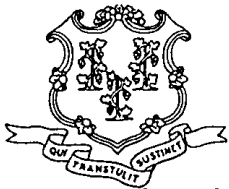
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by law to administer an oath or
affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of Public Health and Addiction Services on the 3rd day of September 1993, it is hereby accepted.

Stanley K. Peck
Stanley K. Peck, Director
Division of Medical Quality Assurance

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Veterinary Medicine on the 8th day of Sept 1993, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

James R. Quinn
For the Connecticut Board of Examiners
for Veterinary Medicine



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

BUREAU OF HEALTH SYSTEM REGULATION

October 18, 1995

Louis Grasso, D.V.M.
19 Dingee Road
So. Salem, NY 10590

Re: Consent Order, Petition No. 920925-47-029
First Supplemental Consent Order, Petition No. 940803-47-009

License No. 001871

Dear Dr. Grasso:

Please accept this letter as notification that you have completed your two year period of suspension, effective September 7, 1995. Notice of such shall be forwarded to our License and Registration section.

Pursuant to the Consent Order, you are to notify the Department if you intend to begin any practice of veterinary medicine in Connecticut at least thirty (30) days prior to commencing the same.

Should you resume practice in Connecticut, you shall make your veterinary premises and record, including but not limited to all records of controlled substances purchases, available for inspection for the Department. This period of practice and records monitoring shall run for three years, commencing on the day you begin practice in Connecticut.

All correspondence regarding this matter should be sent to my attention at the following address:

Department of Public Health
Public Health Hearing Office
150 Washington Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

I hope this information has been helpful to you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Pinkerton".

Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant
Public Health Hearing Office

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cc: Debra Tomassone

Phone: TDD: 203-566-1279
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19 Dingee Road
South Salem, N.Y., 10590

Dept. of Public Health
attn. Bonnie Pinkerton
150 Washington Street
Hartford, Ct., 06106
Gentlemen;

Re: Practice Veterinarian medicine in the state of Connecticut.

Pursuant to consent order, Petition 940803-47-009, I hereby notify this department that I intend to begin practice Veterinarian Medicine in the state of Connecticut immediately after the period of thirty (30) days is over. *(Nov. 30)*

Any questions or requests should be made to my office at:

19 Dingee Road
South Salem, New York 10590
914-763-3284

Sincerely,

Louis Grasso, D.V.M.

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OCT 30 1995
PUBLIC HEALTH HEARING OFFICE
DIVISION OF MEDICAL
QUALITY ASSURANCE

cc: Del Tomassone